

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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TASK FORCE ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE DIGITAL LIBRARY

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a task force on Traditional Knowledge Digital Library has been constituted under Department of Indian Systems of Medicine;
- (b) if so, the details of its members, task assigned and completed and total grant allotted and spent during the last two years;
- (c) whether National Institute of Science Communication has been designated as implementing agency for setting up Traditional Knowledge Digital Library;
- (d) if so, the grant allotted and staff associated from institute;
- (e) whether CSIR has provided data in digital form;
- (f) whether above data has been published in CD marked, copy right in 1977; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(g): A task force was constituted to work out the modalities for establishment of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library comprising of scientists and experts of National Informatics Centre, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Patent & Design Office and Ayurveda.

National Institute of Science Communications (NISCOM) has been designated as implementing agency for Traditional Knowledge Digital Library.

They are being assisted by Ayurvedic experts, patent examiners, information technology experts. So far Rs.86 lakhs have been released for the project.

The work has not been completed so far. It is expected to be completed by the year and data will be available in digital form.